

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A subassembly for a shaving razor, the shaving razor including a recess ~~having at least two opposed continuous planar walls~~, the subassembly comprising a plurality of elongated metal blades having cutting edges defining a shaving surface, said blades having first and second longitudinal ends, and first and second plastic blocks, said first longitudinal ends being secured to said first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends being secured to said second plastic block to provide an integral unit, said blades being secured to each other only at their ends,
wherein no part of the subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks
~~wherein said first and second plastic blocks define continuous planar outer surfaces configured to allow the subassembly to be received into the recess in the razor with the outer surfaces of the subassembly positioned adjacent and in opposed spaced relation to the corresponding walls of the recess.~~
2. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said first and second longitudinal ends are received in slots in said first and second plastic blocks.
3. (Original) The subassembly of claim 2 wherein said first and second longitudinal ends and said slots have mating locking structure to secure said first and second longitudinal ends to said first and second plastic blocks.

4. (Original) The subassembly of claim 3 wherein said locking structure includes projections projecting into said slots that engage holes through said longitudinal ends.
5. (Original) The subassembly of claim 4 wherein said longitudinal ends have a thickness that is greater than the width of the slot minus the height of the projection.
6. (Withdrawn) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein each said blade includes an elongated cutting member having said cutting edge and an elongated support to which said elongated cutting member is attached, each said elongated support having a said first longitudinal end and a second longitudinal end.
7. (Withdrawn) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein each said blade includes an elongated cutting member portion having said cutting edge and an integral elongated support portion bent downward from said cutting member portion, each said elongated support portion having a said first longitudinal end and a said second longitudinal end.
8. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein each said blade includes an elongated cutting member having said cutting edge and a said first longitudinal end and a said second longitudinal end.
9. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of elongated metal blades includes at least three said blades.
10. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of elongated metal blades includes at least two said blades.
11. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of elongated metal blades includes at least four said blades.

12. (Original) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said plurality of elongated metal blades includes five or more said blades.
13. (Withdrawn) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein all said cutting edges are in a common plane.
14. (Withdrawn) The subassembly of claim 1 wherein said subassembly has a snap-fitting structure for connection to a housing of a shaving razor.
15. (Previously presented) A shaving razor comprising the subassembly of claim 1 and a housing defining the recess into which said subassembly is received.
16. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 15 further comprising a stop member secured to said housing, said cutting edges resting against said stop member.
17. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 16 further comprising a biasing member secured to said housing and biasing said blades so that said cutting edges are biased against said stop member.
18. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 16 wherein said blades are movable in said slots during shaving.
19. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 16 wherein said stop member is provided on a said plastic block.
20. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 19 wherein different said slots have stop members at different heights.
21. (Withdrawn) The shaving razor of claim 18 wherein said slots are nonparallel.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of making a shaving razor, the shaving razor including a recess ~~having at least two opposed continuous planar walls~~, the method comprising providing a plurality of elongated metal razor blades, each blade having a cutting edge[[s]] and first and second longitudinal ends, and securing said first longitudinal ends to a first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends to a second end block at locations on said first and second plastic block such that said cutting edges define a shaving surface, and said blades and blocks provide an integrated blade subassembly, wherein no part of said integrated blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said blocks ~~wherein said first and second plastic blocks define continuous planar outer surfaces configured to allow the subassembly to be received into the recess in the razor with the outer surfaces of the subassembly positioned adjacent and in opposed spaced relation to the corresponding walls of the recess.~~
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22 further comprising inserting said integrated subassembly into the recess, the recess being defined in a housing of [[a]] the shaving razor.
24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22 further comprising moving said cutting edges to contact a stop member on said housing.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22 further comprising providing a biasing member secured to said housing to bias said cutting edges against said stop member.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23, further comprising holding said integrated blade subassembly in said housing by a snap-fit connection.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 23 wherein said recess is open to the bottom and said positioning involves raising said integrated blade subassembly into said recess.

28. (Original) The method of claim 23 wherein said recess is open to the top, and said positioning involves lowering said integrated blade subassembly into said recess.
29. (Currently Amended) A shaving razor comprising
a housing defining a recess ~~having at least two opposed continuous planar walls,~~
and, within the housing,
a blade subassembly comprising
a plurality of elongated metal blades having cutting edges defining a
shaving surface, said blades having first and second longitudinal ends, and
first and second plastic blocks, said first longitudinal ends being secured to
said first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends being secured to said
second plastic block to provide an integral unit, said blades being secured to each
other only at their ends,
wherein no part of the blade subassembly extends beyond an outer surface of said
blocks
~~wherein said first and second plastic blocks define continuous planar outer
surfaces configured to allow the subassembly to be received into the recess in the housing
with the outer surfaces of the subassembly positioned adjacent and in opposed spaced
relation to the corresponding walls of the recess.~~
30. (New) A shaving razor comprising
a blade unit comprising (a) a housing defining a recess, and, (b) secured within
the recess, a blade subassembly comprising (i) a plurality of elongated metal blades
having cutting edges defining a shaving surface, said blades having first and second
longitudinal ends, and (ii) first and second plastic blocks, said first longitudinal ends
being secured to said first plastic block and said second longitudinal ends being secured
to said second plastic block to provide an integral unit, said blades being secured to each
other only at their ends;
a handle; and

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a connecting piece, pivotally connected to the housing of the blade unit and removably connected to the handle to mount the blade unit on the handle.